

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
JUDICIARY**

**Wednesday, October 10, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 521 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Judiciary was called to order by **Representative Paul Condino**, Chairman.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Condino, Coulouris, Bieda, Corriveau, Meadows, Meisner, Scott, Virgil Smith, Warren, Schuitmaker, David Law, Elsenheimer, Stakoe, Rick Jones and Rocca.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None.

**Representative Coulouris** moved to adopt the minutes of the **September 5, 2007**, meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chairman Condino** opened the floor for a presentation on:

*Judicial Conflicts of Interest and Recusal under  
Article VI of the Michigan Constitution*

**PRESENTER:**

**Rich Robinson, Executive Director of the Michigan Campaign Finance Network.**

Mr. Robinson spoke on judicial recusal standards, conflicts of interest and judicial decisions, and campaign finances in Michigan Supreme Court election campaigns. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Robinson submitted written testimony and handouts.

**TESTIMONY**

**Peter Ellsworth**, attorney from Dickinson Wright PLLC, testified.

**Karen Stevens**, from Clinton Township, submitted written testimony.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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**Representative Paul Condino, Chairman**  
**House Standing Committee on Judiciary**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
517-373-7256  
66 Minutes